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## **C.A.C.A. Mourns the Passing of WWII Veteran and Houston Lodge Charter Member Beck H. Gee**

Houston, June 10, 2020 — The Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) mourns the death of Beck Hong Gee, World War II Veteran and Charter Member of Houston Lodge (est. 1954), who died on June 6, 2020. He was 98.

Born in China on February 25, 1922, Mr. Gee served in the United States Army Air Corp under the name Beck Bok Hong Gee from 1942 to 1946 during World War II. He served in the European Theater of Operations (ETO) while stationed in England. Mr. Gee later met and married Joyce Isabella Chow. He and Joyce made Houston their home for 62 years when she died of a long illness. They raised an adopted son, Stephen Albert, until his death at a very young age. Mr. Gee is preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters, leaving behind their children and grandchildren, all of Canada.

Mr. Gee was on the staff of the Sakowitz Department Store chain and in the advertising department of retailer Battelstein's for many years. He also freelanced for several other stores in Houston. His work appeared almost daily in the Houston Chronicle, Post and Press.

Mr. Gee's community activities include charter membership in the Chinese intercollegiate Association which later became the Chinese Professional Club. Also, in his younger days, he was active in the Gee Family Association. Mr. Gee and his family were members of the Chinese Baptist Church.

On Thursday, June 11, 2:00pm. Mr. Gee will be laid to rest beside his wife and son at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery, 12800 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77077, preceded by a visitation beginning at 1:00pm. It is his desire, in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to the Chinese Baptist Church, 900 Brogden Rd., Houston, TX 77024, or Gee Family Association Education Fund, 6237 Inwood Dr., Houston, TX 77057.

Mr. Gee will receive a bronze replica of the Congressional Gold Medal for Chinese American World War II Veterans posthumously.



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